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The Korea Visit

IT cannot be expected that Mr. Eisenhower will make public any ideas he may have formulated for resolving the Korean problem until after his inauguration as President next January. To do so might hopelessly prejudice the remaining prospects of the Peking Government accepting the Indian truce plan. It is fairly evident, however, that Mr. Eisenhower has reached certain conclusions in consequence of his secret visit to Korea. This is evidenced by his haste in calling together several of his principal administrators-designate for immediate discussions aboard the warship Helena and later at Pearl Harbour. It is fair to assume that from these meetings will emerge policy decisions apropos Korea which Mr. Eisenhower will be able to reveal as early as he desires after his inauguration. There are reasons to believe that Mr. Eisenhower was subjected to a good deal of high-pressure talk from South Korean political leaders, but it is not likely he allowed himself to succumb to their blandishments. The suggestion that a thorough-going UN offensive would quickly bring the war in Korea to an end is not easily digestible.

MR. Eisenhower's life-long training has equipped him with a brilliant military mind. But he has also given signs that he possesses statesmanlike qualities and it is these he will have to use to the full if he is to exert effective influence on bringing the Korean hostilities to an end. The idea of forcing the Communists to accept truce conditions by a spectacular military victory is tempting in theory. But whether it could, in practice, be achieved is not certain. The possibility of the Chinese Communists becoming amenable to the truce plan originated by India and approved by the United Nations General Assembly cannot yet be abandoned. Admittedly the propaganda line adopted by the Peking and Pyongyang radio stations is discouraging, but the proposals have not yet been officially and categorically repudiated by the Peking Government. If and when they are, the suggestion that the impasse be broken by military action may recommend itself. But not until then.

Eisenhower Begins Vital Policy Talks Today

WAR IN KOREA TOPS AGENDA

Aboard USS Helena, Dec. 8. President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, five of his Cabinet designates and top ranking military leaders were to split into two groups today (Monday) for vital conferences charting US policy in the Orient.

As this big warship neared Wake Island, some of the party prepared to fly to Pearl Harbour for simultaneous, co-ordinated sessions. Eisenhower and the rest of the party will confer aboard the Helena during the rest of its 3,300-mile voyage from Guam to Pearl Harbour.

The Helena, cruising at a steady 27 knots, was expected to reach Wake about noon (8 a.m. HKT Monday).

John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State-designate and chief architect of the Japanese Peace Treaty, and two other Cabinet members of the new Republican administration are to board the ship at Wake.

Charles E. Wilson, next Defense Secretary who accompanied Eisenhower on his historic three-day tour of Korea, is the first time he has had a real chance to sleep and rest since he returned home from Europe on June 1.

The fact that advisers Jackson and Hughes were summoned to the Helena indicated that the General might get in some work on speeches to be made when he arrives home from the Korean trip.

Hughes will be a special White House assistant in charge of space and, reported, Justice editor of Fortune magazine and one of Eisenhower's press writers during the election campaign, is slated for a place in the Republican administration—but the nature of the job was not disclosed.

Hughes was reported to have had a leading part in drafting Eisenhower's "shall go to Korea" speech during the campaign.

Herbert Brownell, of New York City, who will be Attorney General, is another Cabinet appointee sitting in on the conferences. He accompanied Eisenhower to Korea also.

REDS' REACTION

(The Korean Communist Radio—in what apparently was the first Red reaction to Eisenhower's Korean trip—referred an old charge that it would only serve to spread the war and increase the suffering of the Korean people.

The propaganda broadcast heard in Tokyo, quoted a commentary from the Korean Central News Agency. It said: "The conspiracy behind the slogan 'Asia for the defence of Asia' is the extension of the war. Eisenhower is the latest of a long list of American aggressors. Eisenhower's plan in Korea is betraying the real desires of the American people. Eisenhower intends to spill Korean blood to swell the war profits of American capitalism."

The Korean people must oppose Eisenhower as President-elect and fulfill their determination against future plans of Eisenhower."—Associated Press.

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MEN FIGHT HERRINGS

New York, Dec. 7. A furious battle between men and fish raged today as wave after wave of tiny herring swam to the death in a Long Island power plant, threatening to cut off electricity to 600,000 persons in three counties.

Herring by the million started menacing the cold water intake equipment of the Long Island Lighting Company's \$90,000-kilowatt plant here just a week ago.

Sulcida schools of herring rode in on the tide this morning and crashed against the huge screens that strain the water of the bay before it is pumped into the power plant and used to create steam. The plant supplies electricity to parts of three counties.

As fast as they could haul their shovels, 20-man crews have been labouring night and day to keep the fish from halting the water intake and stopping the machinery.—United Press.

Osborne said the Venezuelans accused him of being friendly with General Medina, a former political leader, and added: "When I said I did not know them, they called me a liar and seized me with a sabre and matched my false teeth out with a sword they thrust in my mouth."

The British ambassador brought his case to the attention of British Ambassador Sir Robert Urquhart, after he had been held live months.

Before released from prison Osborne said the Venezuelans gave me 10 injections over 24 hours to put some life back into his dead Hitler.

Osborne told reporters that the American ambassador brought his case to the attention of British Ambassador Sir Robert Urquhart, after he had been held live months.

One of three climbers, Adelphi Kato, 20, fell and rolled to his death yesterday.

Vital

London Paralysed By Fog

Five Men Die In Fire

Rapid City, Dakota Dec. 7.

Five Air Force officers died today when a fire swept through a two-storey barracks at Rapid City air force base.

Six others were taken to hospital.

Several officers jumped to safety from second floor windows as the flames spread rapidly.—Reuter.

NO RELIEF YET PROMISED

London, Dec. 7. Carrying blazing kerosene torches, Londoners groped their way along the streets in front of fire engines to guide them through thick, grey-green fog to a major fire at West Ham today.

This typified the paralysed life the 8,000,000 residents of the world's biggest city have been leading for three days.

The weatherman said he expected the fog to continue all through Monday and perhaps longer.

Jangling firebells rang continuously, but engines went no faster than three miles an hour. The fog deadened alarm bells.

One brigade stationed only 500 yards away arrived at a walking pace to find a whole block ablaze as flames ate up the packed interior of a furniture works.

RADIO SOS

Radio calls were sent for help and seven brigades answered at a frantic creeping pace behind torch bearers.

It was only by feeling the heat of the flames that they could fight them.

Unable to spot dangerous overhangs, three firemen were slightly injured by crashing debris. It took ten engines to control the fire and an estimated £40,000 damage was done.

Thieves and thugs lurked and scurried through the fog and Scotland Yard's emergency telephone alarm sounded throughout the day and night.

Reports piled up of robberies, burglaries and assaults as police squad cars crept impotently at walking pace to answer calls.—United Press.

WEATHER MIXTURE

London, Dec. 7. Europe had a weather mixture of heavy fog and brilliant sunshining today, according to reports from Reuter correspondents tonight.

These reports included:

Hamburg—Air and sea traffic were badly hindered today by thick blanket of fog which lay over the whole of North Germany.

All flights to and from Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin were delayed for hours. All traffic on the Berlin-Hanover and London-Hanover air routes, cancelled on Friday, remained at a standstill.

No shipping could leave Hamburg harbour, and about 20 vessels were anchored in the Elbe estuary between Stade and Brunsbüttel.

Munich—Southern Germany in bright sunshine though temperatures were down to freezing point in some areas. Roads all over the country were icy or snow covered.

The Bavarian Weather Office reported excellent conditions for winter sports in the Bavarian Alps.

BLUE SKIES

The Hague—Blue skies and normal temperatures prevailed over Holland today. Visibility at the Hook of Holland was about a mile.

Antwerp—Thick fog extending along the whole Belgian coast halted shipping on the Scheldt today. Inland Belgium had cloudy weather.

Oelo—It was cold but bright and clear here. The temperature was -5°C (23°F).

The Hague—Latest reports told of fog in many parts of Holland reducing traffic to a walking pace. Visibility was down to ten yards.

Some small ships ran aground in Rotterdam harbour but came off under their own power. No serious damage was reported.

Many plane services were cancelled.

Berlin—the radio warned drivers tonight that there would be "areas of thick fog."

The weather forecast for East Germany was "Continuation of fog and mist."—Reuter.

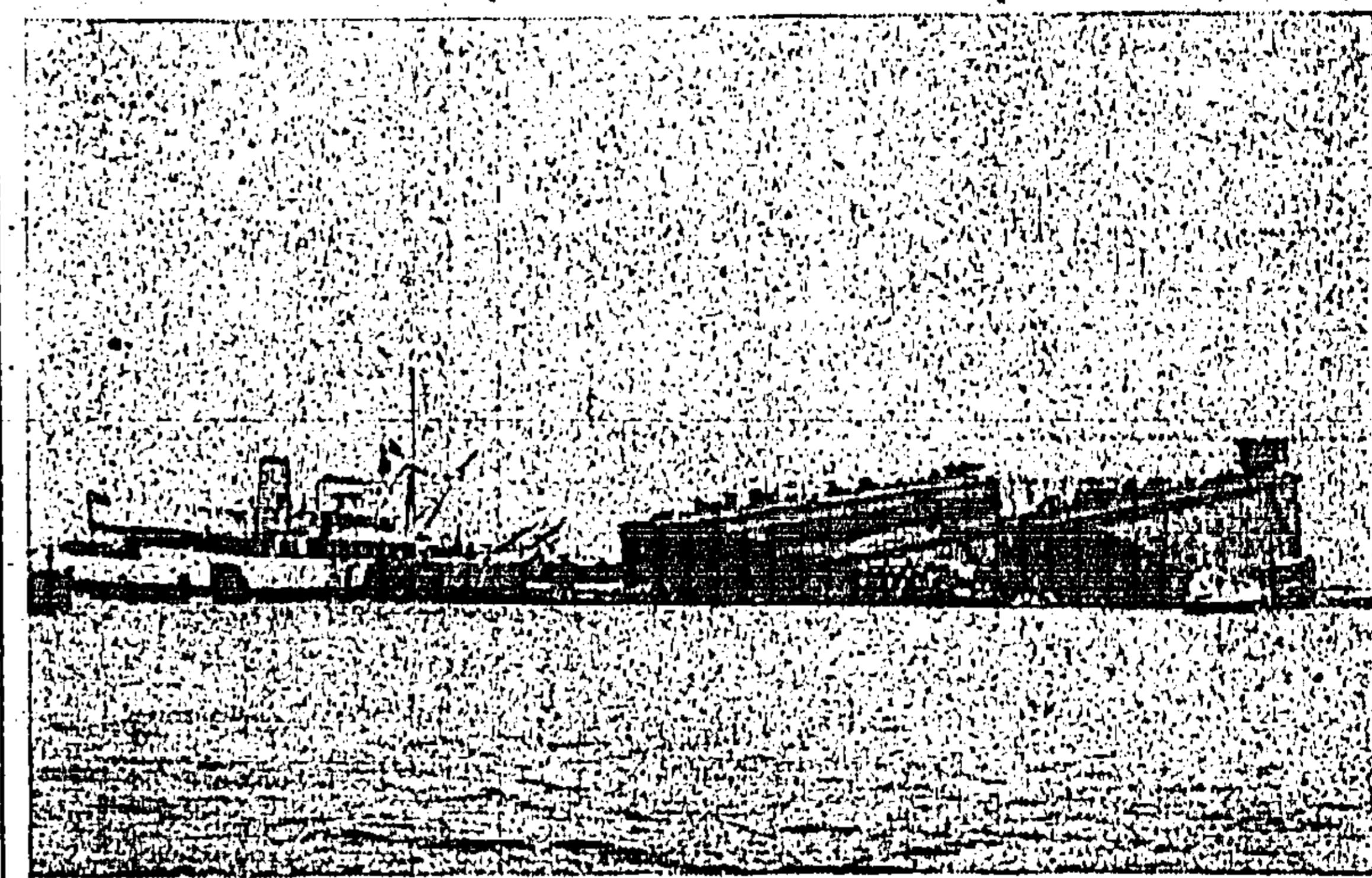
FIRST VICTIM

Tokyo Dec. 7. The first victim this season among mountain climbers scaling snow-covered Mount Fuji was reported today.

One of three climbers, Adelphi Kato, 20, fell and rolled to his death yesterday.

The man who was later discovered to have been Adelphi Kato, 20, fell and rolled to his death yesterday.

Sunken Floating Dock Salvaged



The Admiralty has succeeded in the first part of a major salvage feat at Singapore by the raising of the first 360-foot section of the giant Singapore Floating Dock which has been submerged since bombed by American aircraft during World War II.—London Express.

Unrest Flares Up In Tunisia

Paris, Dec. 7. Unrest flared in French North Africa today in the wake of the gangland style murder of the acting leader of Tunisia's nationalists.

Shots were exchanged in the heart of Tunis between police and an angry mob of 300 trying to march on the French Residency.

In Casablanca, in French Morocco, the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour called a general strike as terrorists exploded two bombs.

Tunisia was under martial law, with a 2000 to 0600 curfew, and heavily-armed police and soldiers were patrolling the streets following the slaying of Farid Hached, 38-year-old leader of the most powerful labour union in the Moslem world and nominal leader of the Neo-Destour movement.

Hached's battered, bullet-ridden body was found on Friday on the roadside south of the capital.

Communications between Tunis and Paris were held up for five hours after correspondents filed their first dispatches on the street rioting there today.

CALM RESTORED

Later reports from French officials said two students and one policeman were slightly injured. The capital was completely calm tonight.

Two more Tunisian leaders were taken into custody and shipped to a spot in Southern Tunisia joining some 15 others rounded up on Friday as the authorities removed nationalist leaders to prevent further incidents.

An official French report from Tunis said the police returned fire when a mob streaming out of the Grand Mosque opened fire as they tried to force their way to the French Residency.

Tunisians trying to leave the Arab Medina quarter were stopped and required to show their identification papers and similar controls were in effect elsewhere in the troubled protectorate.—United Press.

MURDER STORY

Tunis, Dec. 7. A witness in the Farid Hached murder case said today that the Trade Union leader, Farid Hached, was driven off to hospital in a car alleged to have contained two or three persons dressed in European clothes after Hached's own car had crashed into a ditch as the result of a gun attack from a passing car.

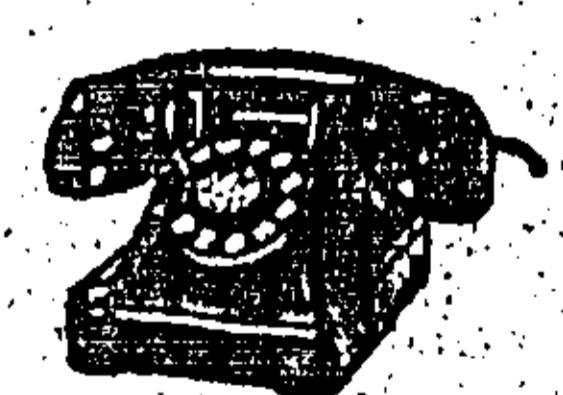
The witness, Abdes Harr, a Tunis tramways truck driver, said he left Tunis depot early last Friday morning to take a lorryload of workers to working areas. On his return, he said, when two French employees were still riding at the rear of his lorry, he said he saw an oncoming passenger car which swerved sharply and crashed into a ditch at the side of the road.

The witness said that at the same time another car passed the wrecked car, but that he heard no shots fired at Hached's car.

The truck driver then said he saw well dressed man emerge from the smashed car and signalled him to stop. Although slightly bent-over, the man did not appear to have any injuries and Harr said that it seemed as if the driver of the passenger car had been thrown hard against the steering wheel by the force of the crash.

The man who was later discovered to have been Farid Hached then walked the truck

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Marty To Be Expelled

French Red Leaders In Trouble

Paris, Dec. 7.
The French Communist Party Central Committee today stripped Andre Marty and Charles Tillon of all functions in the party, and prepared to expel Marty from the organisation.

Both Marty and Tillon, long prominent in French Communist circles, were removed from the Politburo recently but were retained in the Central Committee pending some "auto-criticism".

Neither, however, came through as expected with this self-criticism. Marty, stormy veteran of riot and revolt, even answered back with a pair of open letters on Nov. 2 and Dec. 2, denying the charges of abstentionism.

The Central Committee unanimously requested Marty's cell to examine his case—an obvious preliminary to his expulsion. The committee's communiqué said the question of Marty's continued membership in the party had been raised because of "actions contrary to the principles, policy and discipline of the party, and his connection with police elements."

The decision on Tillon, former Minister for the Air Force in a pre-1947 coalition Cabinet, merely stripped him of all posts in the party.

ANOTHER CHANCE?

There was no request for his cell to study his case.

Apparently, the committee decided to give Tillon another chance to renounce his past "factionalism." Up to now, Tillon has kept silent. He has not sought to reply in public to criticism from party leaders.

Both Marty and Tillon were criticised further today for their refusal to attend the Central Committee session after being summoned to hear accusations against them.

Both have been in disgrace for their opposition to the current popular front or "be friends with the non-Communist left" line. They favour the older "direct action" tactics.—Associated Press.

Ships May Be Salvaged

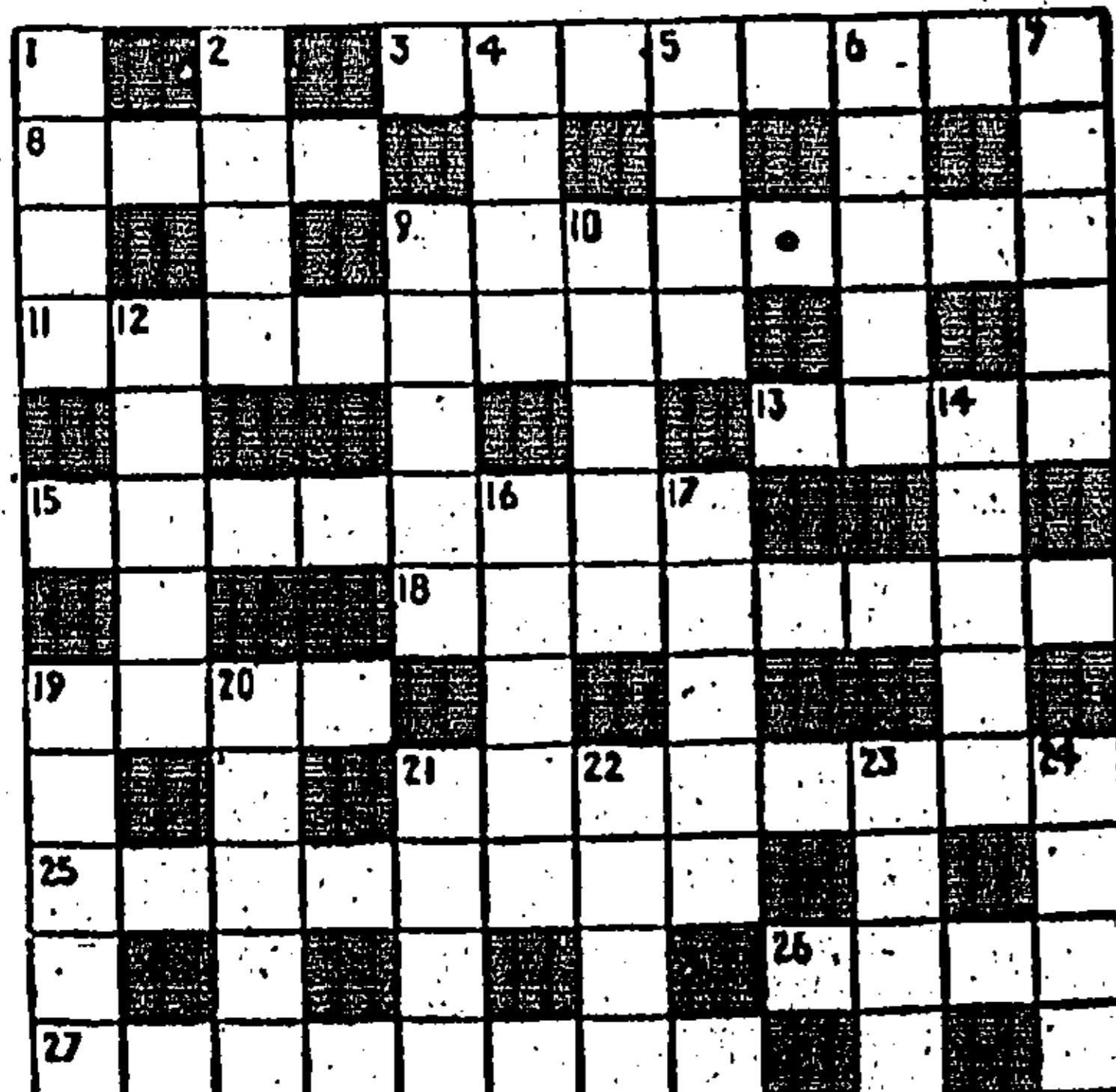
Tokyo, Dec. 7.

The Japanese Transportation Ministry announced today it will send a 60-men salvage team to the Philippines to investigate possibilities of raising some of the 184 Japanese vessels sunk in that area during the war.

Most of the ships, both warships and merchant ships, were thought to be in too deep water for salvage, however.

The team of civilian experts will leave late this month, and expects to complete the job in about two months, Kyodo News Agency said.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Consoling (8).
- 8 Entrant (4).
- 9 Sent (8).
- 11 Kept (8).
- 13 Military force (4).
- 16 Granted (8).
- 18 Environs (8).
- 19 Slave (4).
- 21 Left (8).
- 25 Liberated (8).
- 26 Conspiracy (4).
- 27 Scatter (8).

DOWN

- 1 Urge (4).
- 2 Tight (4).
- 4 Sign (4).
- 5 Sour (4).
- 6 Burly (8).
- 7 Drify (8).
- 9 Gets up (6).
- 10 Measuring device (5).
- 12 Wore away (6).
- 14 Cut fine (4).
- 16 Gulls (8).
- 17 Fear (8).
- 19 Piece torn off (5).
- 20 Records (6).
- 21 Venture (4).
- 22 Seats in church (4).
- 23 Narrative (4).
- 24 Tax (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Propell. 4 Cocks. 7 Adequate. 8 Doped. 9 Demand. 11 Esteem. 13 Intrude. 15 Legend. 18 Spent. 19 Recorded. 20 Padre. 21 Sleave. Down: 1 Phid. 2 Flute. 3 Learned. 4 Credit. 5 Complete. 6 Sheds. 10 Muttered. 12 Bolects. 13 Instep. 14 Duriae. 16 Goups. 17 Dodge.

Tense Meeting Of Italian Parliament

SESSION SUSPENDED BY THE SPEAKER

Rome, Dec. 7.
The Acting Speaker of the Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight suspended an extraordinary session on the House when a Left-wing Socialist defied him.

The tense, packed chamber had met to discuss the Electoral Reform Bill, which is designed to give a working majority to whichever bloc of parties polls most votes in next Spring's general election.

It is aimed at what the Government calls "Communist obstructionism." A discussion connected with this bill led to a draw last Thursday.

Tonight, Deputy Lizzadri, of the Communist-allied Socialists, alleged that the rules of procedure had been amended by the Christian Democrats (the Government).—Reuters.

The Acting Speaker called this "an insult to the House" and asked Lizzadri to withdraw. Lizzadri refused.

The Chamber voted by show of hands to expel Lizzadri. When ushers neared his seat to escort him to the lobbies, colleagues closed grimly around him.

A MANOEUVRE

To avoid a repetition of last Thursday's scene the Speaker then suspended the session.

By agreeing to substitute a demand for expulsion of Lizzadri, the Chamber was able to resume business after nearly two hours.

Observers believed Lizzadri's act of defiance was part of a left-wing manoeuvre to delay the debate.

New-Born Baby Under Car

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 6.
A new-born baby was discovered under a motor-car on a busy street here tonight.

The baby, which was rushed

to a hospital in apparently good condition, was found by a Coast Guard sailor and his girl friend. The mother could not be found.

Police said the unidentified sailor wrapped the infant in his kerchief and called for help. Hundreds of shoppers immediately crowded around.

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Labour Win In Victoria

Sydney, Dec. 7.
The Labour Party won a landslide victory in yesterday's elections in the State of Victoria. It was the Party's first victory in Victoria and suggested that Labour, which lost the Federal elections in 1951, is growing stronger for the next test in the Spring of 1954.

In the new State Legislative Assembly, Labour will have a clear majority of at least 23 seats, and possibly 37, of a total of 65. The Party held on to the 24 it had before and won seven from the Liberal-Country Party group plus two from the Country Party, which had governed Victoria since 1930 with Labour support. Five seats remained in doubt, with Labour favoured to take four.

A Liberal-Country Party coalition rules the Federal Government under Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies, a Liberal.—Associated Press.

400 Mourners At Dog's Funeral

New York, Dec. 7.
Four hundred mourners attended the funeral of Nightlife, a bartender's mongrel dog, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

There were 10 cars in the procession and scores of wreaths.

Flag & Bunting Makers Having A Busy Time



Orders from towns, cities, villages, organisations and official bodies for coats of arms, flags and bunting for next year's Coronation promise a winter and spring of hard work for the factories. Seen here is a heraldic artist, Mr. G. W. Valentine, as he paints a Coat of Arms which has been especially ordered for the Coronation celebrations.—Express Photo.

JAPAN STILL POWER IN THE WORLD

Tokyo Position Analysed By British Journalist

London, Dec. 7.
Japan is still a power to be reckoned with, for her strategic position makes her as essential for the defence plans of America as the British Isles. Mr Patrick O'Donovan, roving reporter of the influential Sunday Observer, said today.

Japan would not be a military power of importance for many years, but her tolerance of Western plans was as important today as a military alliance.

Mr O'Donovan said there were few things Japan could not make if she was given the raw material and designs, and it was easier to think of her as a cheap-jack producer of goods. Her trading practices claimed at her cold crass here, an evil crept in the long run. Japan was bound to the West at present by cold and obvious self-interest and it was to the West's advantage to keep her that way.

Western dealings with Japan would be appreciated if they were based on a realistic relationship between sovereign peoples whose interests often coincided.

Japan's judgment would be severely practical, and the West had to produce results and offer opportunities as good as Asian Communism could.

The Communists were the best organised and perhaps the only really coherent political group in Japan. They were defeated at the last election but any economic reverse or obvious involvement with American military dangers could restore their strength.

The old Nationalists still obtained wide and uncritical support and it was true that Democracy was not a sturdy growth. Japan was still run by the British Crown to "promote the spiritual, economic, cultural and political progress of the African."

The Society said that the proposals would have to be considered by a convention to which it would submit plans for a federal constitution and in detail its policy of race relations. The British Government has already plans in hand for the Federation of Nyasaland and the two Rhodesias, and the Capricorn Africa Society believes that these should go ahead and precede the wider scheme it put forward.

TOYNBEE'S VIEW

London, Dec. 7.
The noted historian, Professor Arnold Toynbee, said tonight that if the Japanese were free to go their own way, they might succumb to Communism for the same reason as China. Professor Toynbee, who was speaking about the "Far East and the West" in a broadcast, said that what made the fortune of Communism in China was "not so far as one can make out, any great positive love for Communism so much as a complete disillusionment with the Kuomintang's performance in its attempt to govern China on Western lines".

Initially, it is understood, the Civil Aviation Department has made no objection on grounds that any steady beacon is an aid to navigation.—Associated Press.

Vietnam, Dec. 7.
Declaring that an actor taking the part of a Soviet soldier was "too fat and likely to arouse ridicule" the Russians in Hanoi banned an Austrian film, "April the First, 2,000," which humorously protests at the occupation in the Soviet zone.

Recluse Takes His First Bath In 10 Years

Treviglio, Dec. 7.
Giuseppe Cataneo, 60, took his first bath in 10 years today after coming to the surface from his home in a disused sewer.

Workers discovered Cataneo crouching on a pile of straw surrounded by a stool, empty packing cases, cooking utensils and a faded picture of a woman.

He wore sackcloth and his beard covered most of his chest.

He told his liberators that he moved into the sewer when the landlord evicted him in 1942. He lived on what he stole from tramps in the area.—Reuters.

Advertising On Clouds

Singapore, Dec. 7.
Singapore may soon have advertisements projected onto low-lying clouds by high-powered cinema projectors.

An application by a Singapore firm to advertise soft drinks by projecting magic lantern slides on clouds is under consideration by the Government.

These sources said that as far as it was known no major companies were contemplating moving oil from Persia, though several small companies had shown interest in the market.

The Government statement indicated a modified attitude which could make it possible for companies to operate provided they worked in close cooperation with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company—which claims rights to its nationalised holdings in Persia.

General Noguib invited Nahas and other former Prime Ministers and statesmen to a military parade here yesterday.

Nahas, who gave up leadership of the Wafid Party under General Noguib's "purge or dissolve" order to the political parties, told reporters after the visit: "All is good."

General Noguib today returned the courtesy call paid by Mustafa El Nahas. He stayed at Nahas' garden city home for half an hour, and also met the other leaders. On leaving, he was cheered by Wafid youth, who had gathered outside.

Egypt's political leaders released this week-end after almost three months' detention were reported yesterday to have "buried the hatchet" and pledged "support" to Noguib's Government.

Their release has been welcomed by the public as heralding an era of freedom and co-operation.—Reuters.

The value of the oil cargo is placed at £5,300, and was destined for Italy.

Anglo-Iranian contests the Persian claim to the right to dispose of the oil and the case will decide by implication who owns the oil still at Abadan.

The former master of the Rose Mary is Captain Giuseppe Jaffrulli. The owners are the Compania de Navegacion Tresidat, registered at Panama and the charterers the Ruzeberg Company of Spiez, Switzerland.—Reuters.

STAFF CUTS SUGGESTED

Washington, Dec. 7.
The two senior members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said yesterday that U.S. diplomatic and Marine Security staff abroad are too big and should be reduced.

They are Senators Tom Connally (Democrat-Texas) and Alexander Wiley (Republican-Wisconsin).

Coincident with their statements, a Senate House Committee reported there are 194,022 American civilians working for various Federal agencies abroad. This is 9,180 less than four years ago.—Associated Press.

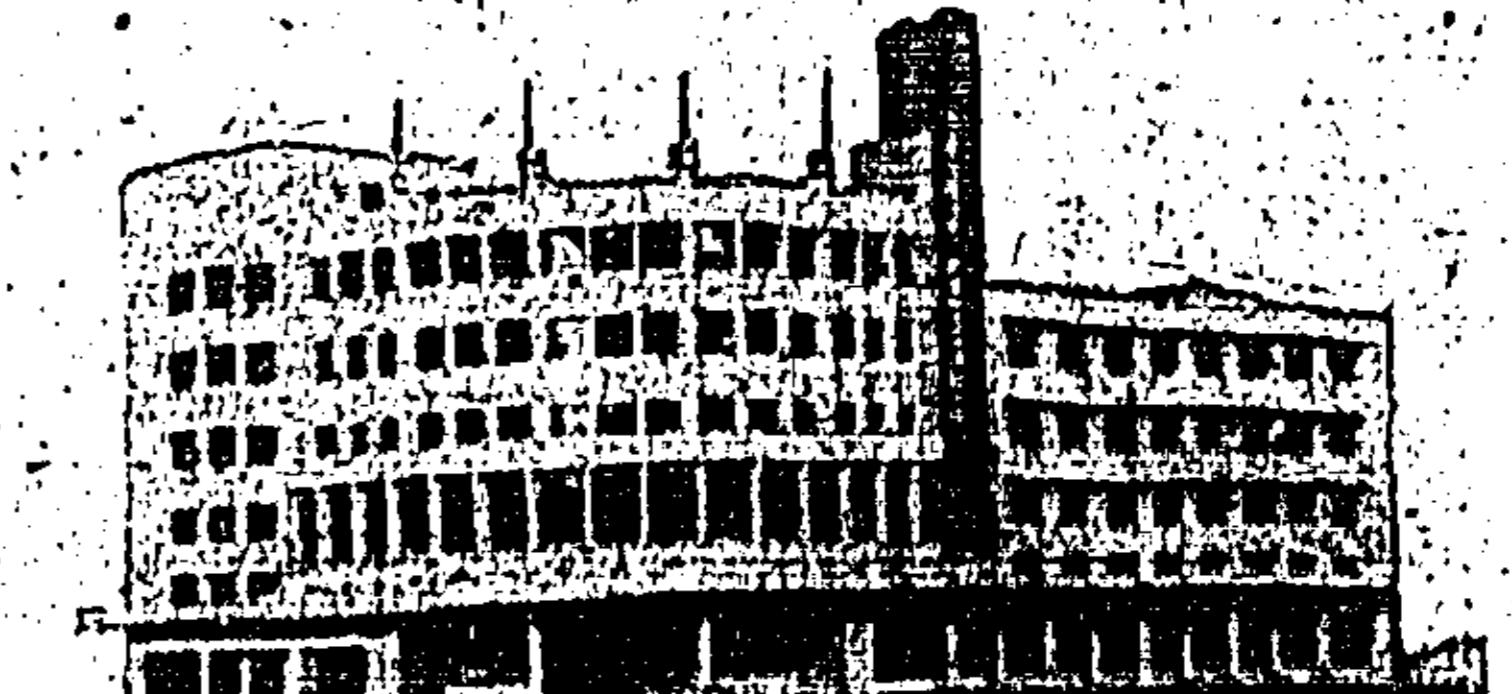
Received By Pope

Vatican City, Dec. 7.
Pope Pius today received in audience Major John Kavanaugh, Apostolic Administrator of Duhedin, New Zealand, and Major Gerardo Mongeon, Prelate Nullius of Cobato, and Sulay in the Philippines.—Associated Press.

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London Express Service

POLITICAL PASTS APPEAR ON THE CRIME SHEET

FRANK MORAES

who is editor of the *Times of India* in Bombay, concludes his special description of what he saw on a mission to Red China.

S AID the Briton who has lived in China for 30 years: "The Chinese will, of course, always be Chinese."

And then he went on:—"They are individualists, but they are also amenable to discipline. They could be organised easily. If Mao's regime lasts another 20 years, a generation will grow in China which thinks, talks, and does nothing but Communism."

That is precisely what the regime sets out to do.

In Shanghai I visited the remnant band of the old China hands who, over-optimistically, had decided to stay on and do business. Quite plainly they were disillusioned.

Always it is easy to be wise after the event, and looking back one can appreciate the quite logical reasons which governed their decision to stay.

Among the first things the Communists did was to open up communications. They also concentrated on controlling their currency.

Both these developments indicated a desire to restore normal trade, and, indeed, the Communists seemed at first anxious to do business.

Their execution is public, and generally the doomed are paraded around the chief highways wearing a placard round their necks on which their crimes are inscribed.

If there are mass trials there are also mass executions.

At Tientsin we were shown a film of the great mass trial at Peking, when two out of seven accused were sentenced to death.

It was like a Roman carnival in the days of Nero. A vast mass of people faced a mammoth open-air dais where the judges of the Supreme Court were seated.

by the workers; and TWO,

that her son, also dead, had been in communication with

The accused, manacled hand and foot, were hustled to the front of the platform between armed guards.

Obviously, the political antecedents or associations of an accused weighed heavily even in a trial for murder.

No training

JUDGES, I discovered, are appointed not for their knowledge of the law but for their political reliability.

I was surprised to discover that the chief Judge of the People's Court at Tientsin had no legal training whatever. In fact, such knowledge and training are not regarded as essential prerequisites to judicial office.

According to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of China, Mao's dictum that "conclusions should only be reached after thorough analysis and investigation" is the beacon light of all justice in Communist China.

In fact, the Chief Justice himself is also a member of the Government, and while we were in China, left Peking for Manchuria on a political mission concerning the national minorities.

Thus the law in China is governed by politics, which in turn are influenced by the economic structure.

AMERICA COLUMN

From
NEWELL ROGERS

COUNTING UP THE MONEY

New York.
IN TERMS of money in the bank and in people's pockets, President Eisenhower is going to govern a new kind of America.

After studying income trends, economic experts disclosed that America is becoming a nation of one class—a middle class.

"Of course, this did not just happen on election day. The economists went back to 1900 to see what is going on in terms of income to the rich, the poor, and the in-between.

THEIR FINDINGS: Total income is being divided more evenly than ever before. The richest tenth of the population is getting a smaller share—about 15 percent less than in 1929. And the poorest tenth has doubled its share.

Millionaires are not going to vanish next year. Nor will relief rolls. But the trends do show that a bloodless democratic revolution is going on almost unnoticed.

The old saying—the rich get richer and the poor get children—has to be changed for the Eisenhower era.

The rich are getting poorer and the children of the poor richer. Average wage for factory workers is £24.17s. But remember that prices are higher than in Britain.

INCOME TAX men are to tour secondary schools and teach the youngsters how to fill in income tax forms.

TWO STREETS from Brooklyn police headquarters Government agents raided an illegal still. It's £35,000 equipment was turning out 1,000 gallons of whisky a day. Tax losses to the Government on this drink amounted to more than £2,000 daily.

BY electronic beam, a loudspeaker starts warning you to state your business or be off if you go too close to the gates of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and get in the beam's path.

Under the fort, in burglar-proof vaults, the Government stores over £4,000 million worth of gold bars.

THE MAN won, but his song lost. Irving Berlin's original "I Like Ike" is sung in the musical "Call Me Madam," now touring the country. But Berlin took it out of the programme as being not quite suitable for President—Elect Eisenhower.

SICKLE IN THE SAND

Neguib is doing all the Kremlin's work

SEFTON DELMER

General Neguib and his military coup colleagues today warn Communism. "Neguib," he says, "has done more to this end in four months than Farouk's courtiers ever did." THE QUESTION: Can Egypt alone fight the threat?

At the same time, cotton, Egypt's basic agricultural crop, is failing to find buyers in world markets. Textile mills and spinning mills are on short time.

And all that Neguib's Government has to offer is a copy of Moscow's sonik-the-rich slogans.

It is no accident that the only bulk buyers of Egyptian cotton at the moment are the Soviet-controlled East Germans. They are deliberately trying to suck Egypt into the Soviet economic orbit by wily long-term barter arrangements.

Exports of Egypt's economic crisis will come to a head in about four months time.

The Communists have the Muslim Brotherhood and other nationalists extremist organisations through which they can exploit the unemployment and famine looming ahead.

Major-General Neguib is going to need all his desert toughness and political cunning to overcome it.

When he has dealt with that crisis there will be another to follow. And each time he will have more enemies to face.

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Sudan and Egypt, and precisely what Neguib and his junta of brigadiers want to stop us from doing.

The second remark was: "Communist technique is to lead the Arab world to its own destruction. They get us to pull down what exists and then decry whatever we try to put up in its place."

Their whole aim is to divide the non-Communist world against itself, weaken and undermine it, so that they can eventually dominate it.

The first Middle East nations are not strong enough economically or militarily to stand up to the Soviets by themselves.

The guilty were called upon to confess. There followed a great beating of breasts. Those who refused to confess were placed on trial. Four death sentences were passed, and three of these were passed on veteran Communists.

Now I admire and sympathise with Neguib. In his desire to restore to Egypt's administration some of the ancient discipline and freedom

driven much of the country's food, vegetables, and consumer goods off the open market.

Fertilisers, essential to the country's agriculture, are held up because price cuts make delivery uneconomic.

Military posts guard road forks. They stop all lorries and private cars and ask them what they are carrying. Again and again they confiscate lorries and divert them to some local centre, forcing them to deliver their loads there rather than at the destination for which they are bound.

THIS has been happening so frequently to lorries with food and vegetables for the British in the Canal Zone that a Neguib plan to reimpose the blockade, currently, was supported. But I am satisfied it is nothing of the kind—simply part of the game common to the whole of the country.

Traders unable to secure fair reward for their produce, transport workers and middle-men unable to get a fair price for their services, are holding back and selling only part of the military... have on the black market.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

End Play Can Be Played Very Early

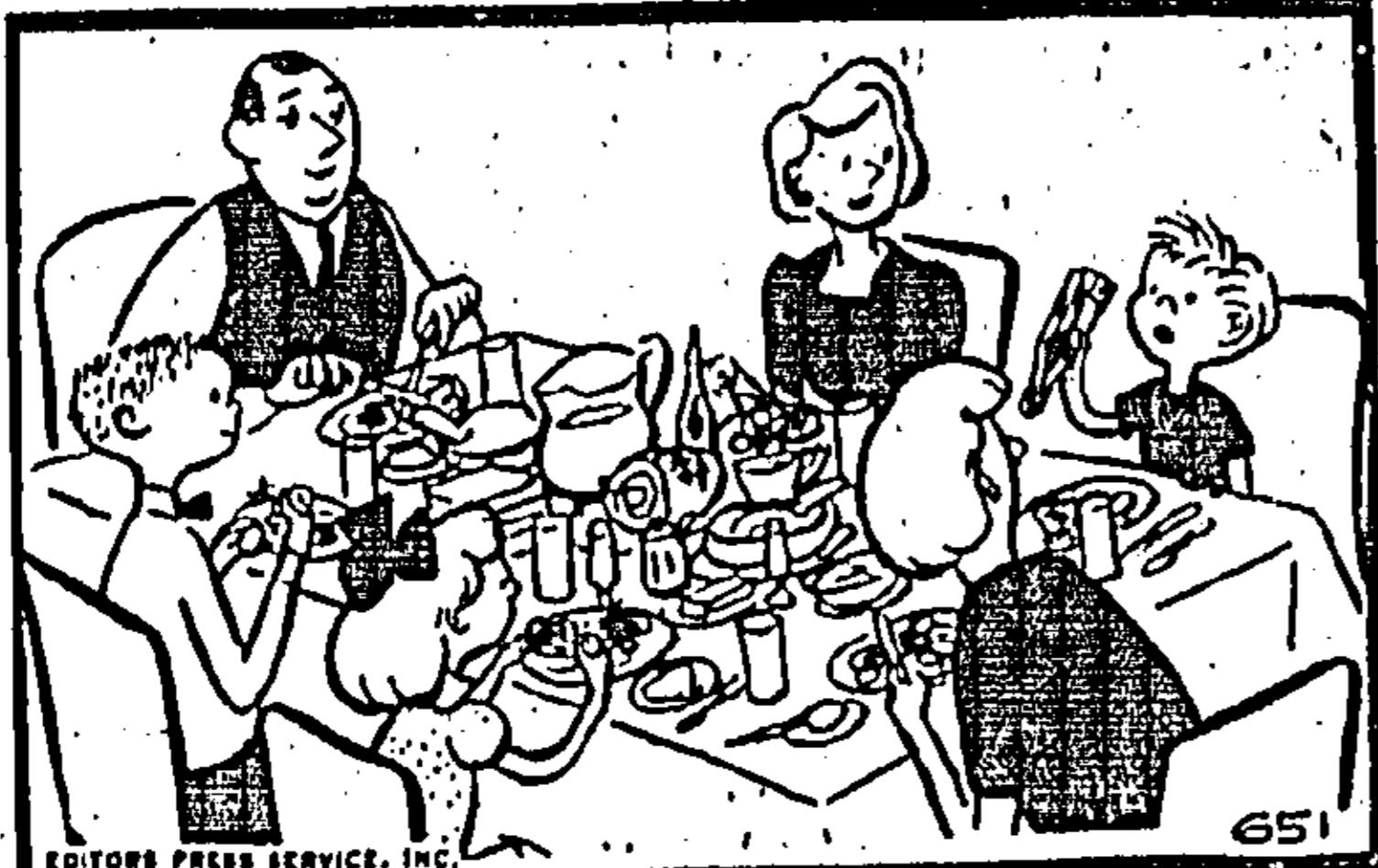
By OSWALD JACOBY

THE end play usually takes place, as the name suggests, at the end of a hand. Sometimes, however, an "end" play may be staged very early. In today's hand, for example, my good friend, Abe Wechsler, produced an end play at the fourth trick.

West opened the King of clubs and then considered over his best continuation. After some thought, he correctly shifted to the six of hearts. Wechsler won with the King in his own hand and craftily led the ten of diamonds.

West incautiously played low, and the ten of spades held the trick. Wechsler next cashed the Queen and finished with the seven. East had to win the trick and was now end played. If East returned a club, South would discard a diamond without damage done. If East had held another red suit, dummy would get a free finesse.

If West had gone up with the ace of spades at the third trick, he



"Anybody want the ketchup while it's down at this end of the bottle?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

CAT LOST IN ARCTIC says Mayor.

RICE THROWN AT BREWER While Civil Week the mayor, Alderman Spindle, put his left leg into his right trouser and over-balanced.

He was caught by Mrs Elverson, of 8, Gasworks-close whose two daughters work in a bread-and-dog-chow shop. "I was there to help," said plucky, forthright Mrs Elverson. "It was the wrong trouser-leg," vouchsafed the mayor.

PROPOSE: I don't understand why you print this sort of thing. If it is true, it is utterly pointless. Even if it is true, what is it supposed to show?

MYSELF: True news. Mrs Elverson will be flattered to see her name in print; the mayor will become more justified.

NORTH (D) 10
♦ K9 8 4
♦ A7 4
♦ A Q 0 3
♦ Q
WEST 10
♦ A 5
♦ Q 6 5
♦ Q 8 2
♦ A K J 7 4 2
EAST ♦ Q J 10 9 8
♦ K 7 4
♦ 10 5
♦ B
SOUTH 10
♦ K 3 2
♦ 10 5
♦ B
East-West vul.
North East South West:
1 1 Pass 1 A 2 4
2 4 3 4 4 Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—4 K

would have given declarer more trouble. His best return is a heart, and that must refuse to be ruffed. In fact, South must not ruff even in either red suit.

Instead, he must go up with the ace of hearts and ruff in the red suit. Declarer reduces to two diamonds and one heart in each hand. East must do likewise, and he is then thrown in with the queen of hearts for a normal end play at the eleventh trick.

CARD INDEX

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West
1 N.T. 2 Hearts 2 Spades 2 No trump
You, South, bid 3 Spades. Q—
You, North, bid Diamonds 3-3-2, Clubs
K-Q-3. What do you do?

A—Pass. You were going to pass one no-trump, so you had better take a third round before taking out of a game. You have a good chance in beat two hearts, but you cannot afford to double.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You did bid Spades 3-3-2, Clubs 3-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Calm self-control will help if tensions are inclined to mount. Find a way to express your ideas, and make requests to a few close friends and get some co-operative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Be helpful to those who are inexperienced; make valuable suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine day for you. Dispatch a difficult job with efficiency. You should be good at it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Matters having to do with publicity, advertising and publishing are all advertising now.

PIRCE (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You will be helpful to members of the younger generation with their school problems just now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You might discuss your future plans with a few close friends and get some good suggestions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Optimism will pay good dividends to you. It will set a good example for others, too.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This is your day to recall an old friend. Let him or her be happy. Harmony and peace should reign.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be sure that if you make requests to a few close friends, you can expect them later on.

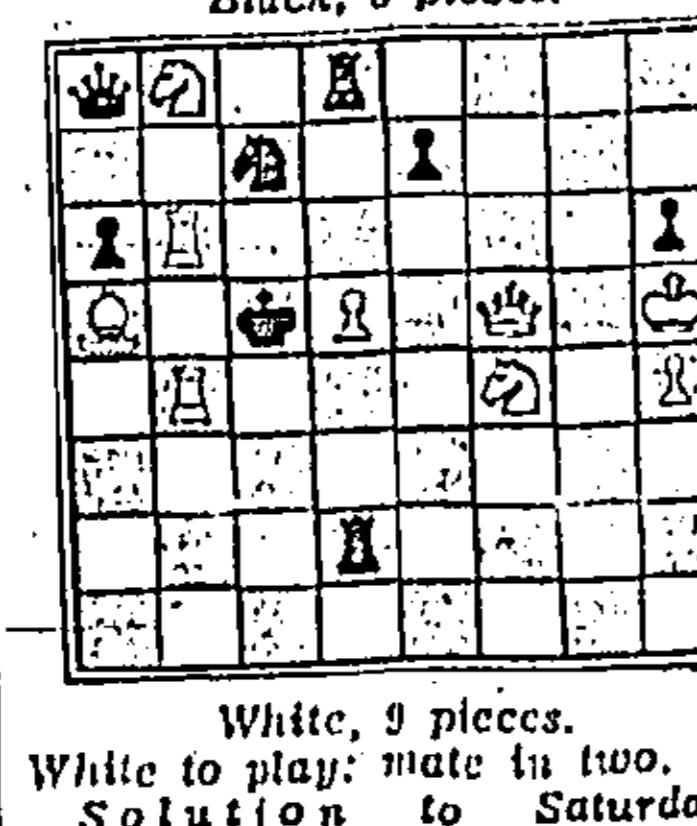
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—A day in which loved ones may make demands on you. You will meet them easily if you really try.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Alertness will pay off today, as well worth following.

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. RASMUSSEN

Black, 8 pieces.



CROSSWORD

White, 9 pieces.

While to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. R-Q3; threat 2, R×Q (ch).

1... Q×R; 2, B-K2 (ch).

2. B-Q7; 2, R-Q5; 1...

K-Ki3; 2, R×Q (dbl ch).

Across:

1. White to move up. (6)

4. A winner from space. (3)

7. Baker's hot-house. (6)

11. His unorthodox favourite expression. (4)

13. Round sow. (anag.) (6)

15. Term of occupation. (6)

16. Make a bet, the tiger lost it. (6)

21. His unorthodox but... (6)

22. Divided, he's not. (6)

23. Comes back to live. (6)

26. Sweet advice. (4)

27. Pox.

28. For winter's sake flown? (9)

29. Metal container. (5)

30. Abet. (9)

32. Post. (6)

33. That rope is guedy. (6)

34. That means that mark. (6)

35. Let aid be the item in question. (6)

36. Minor regret. (13)

37. He's a real bore. (14)

38. A pisco to 0. (6)

39. Divided and broken in 8. (13)

Solution on Page 10.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Prime Ministers

By T. O. HARE

NAME some Prime Ministers," said the Rod.

"Oh dear," said Alice, "I can only think of Burke."

"Burke and Hare,"

"They can't do politics," said the White Queen, "and they're not fit to be children."

Here are the names of four Prime Ministers: Anthony Eden, the late Gordon Hougham, Harold Wilson, and Edward Heath.

Who are the four Prime Ministers?

(Solution on Page 10.)

WOMANSENSE

JAMES LAVER and RIX go to a

STUDENTS' BALL

... and find an answer
to the question

CAN BRAINS HELP OUT WITH BEAUTY?

WOMEN of the kind described as "advanced" and intellectual, do not enjoy a very high reputation when it comes to dress. They are supposed, rightly or wrongly, to think more of the furnishing of the mind than of the clothing of the body.

So it was with some misgiving that Rix and I, in pursuit of our search for the elegant, presented ourselves at a London University Ball the other evening. We wondered gloomily about the women we were to see. Some of them might be surviving pioneers of the Bloomsbury costume.

Well, none of these apprehensions turned out to have been justified.

A MISTAKE?

We arrived at the Ball in Mule Street, Bloomsbury, to find a hall full of whirling couples nearly all young, some of them very young.

Now it is extremely difficult to judge a dress. Is it worn by a very young girl, is it elegant, or is it merely the accessory of a fresh face and a slim figure?

Perhaps it is even a mistake for a young girl to be too elegant. For elegance implies a certain calculation, a making the best of what one has, or what one still retains.

It is nearly always unfortunate when a young girl dresses beyond her years and in too sophisticated a manner. There is a recognised Jeune fille style, and the young girl should be too. Her first impressions are apt to be very definite and you are not likely to change them again.

Since your emotions are near the surface, it is well to display your likes and dislikes violently. Your first impressions are apt to be very definite and you are not likely to change them again.

To find what the stars are

set for tomorrow, select your birthday star and the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA



LIKE a Victorian polonaise": a dress in café au lait taffeta, with velvet bows.

ORIENTAL STUDENT wears a perfectly plain emerald green satin dress. The simplicity is relieved by a lace shawl, a single ear ornament, and five graduated tear-shaped pearls on a gold chain necklace.

skirt caught up in a series of swags, like a Victorian pelmet, with chocolate-coloured velvet bows. The skirt of course, to get the effect, was very full.

NOSTALGIA

Indeed most of the skirts were full. The tubular line of which we have heard so much does not seem to have materialised. A Victorian nostalgia seems to hang over women's clothes. Perhaps it is just a way of saying, in the language of fashion: "I do wish I had someone to wash up."

Ornamental dress which, in its pure form escapes from fashion altogether, is often so beautiful in itself that it seems a pity to modify it by any concession to the mode of the West. Yet there was one beautiful Chinese girl student who had succeeded in doing so.

It is a reflection on a woman's intelligence that she should take some interest in her dress. Why, indeed, should she not? All clever women know that an external harmony can be the sign and symptom of a harmony within. And if brains can't help a woman to make the most of herself, what are brains for?

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of effects. Good marks to the London University girls. They compared very favourably with some more sophisticated and "fashionable" resorts.

What of the older people? Dignified, as might have been expected, and often chic. We are fortunate in living in an age when it is no longer considered to be a reflection on a woman's intelligence that she should take some interest in her dress. Why, indeed, should she not? All clever women know that an external harmony can be the sign and symptom of a harmony within. And if brains can't help a woman to make the most of herself, what are brains for?

Exclusive Liberty Squares

Dainty Lace or Net Stoles

Hand Printed Jacqmar Scarves

Lace Trimmed Scarves

Lovely Handkerchief Sachets

Irresistible Pompadour Pearls

Fascinating American Jewellery

Beautiful Woollen Scarves

Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs

New Satin Elastic Belts

Scarf and Glove Sets

Ladies Make-up Cases

Attractive Jewellery Boxes

Smartly Fitted Travel Cases

Dressing Table Sets

Fancy Gift Stationery

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STEEPLECHASE SEASON



The steeplechase season is in full swing in the United Kingdom. This picture was taken at Kempton and shows Boy Dauri (A. Grantham) leading from Mr. Music and Highgate in the St. Margaret's Handicap Race.

GIRLS DECIDE TO SHARE OUT THE MEDALS

By "RECORDER"

It may have been that they were confused over a choice of four sprint events and the 80 Metres Hurdles, but the array of Sprint Champions and record-holders at the first ever Ladies' Inter-Club Athletic Meeting in the Colony's history finally divided 10 medals among seven of them.

Out of the confusion a new star emerged in the shape of a very Minor Planet from King George V School's Upadell House constellation — nursery of great feminine sprinters—as Lynn Ramsey annexed the 80 Metres title in a very creditable 11.6 seconds.

The two original Minor Planets kept out of this race, as did Lam Kak-lan, but a victory over Fok Wing-sheung and Hilary Hale, even if only a narrow one, represents a very impressive achievement. Indeed for a first race in Colony girls' company.

UPSET OF THE DAY

The day's big upset came in the second race—the 200-Metres. This was definitely an All-Star affair, involving the first three in the last Colony Championship, every one a current or past record-holder.

The inside lane was drawn by Lam Kak-lan, who had claimed the new record the day before with an amazing 28.3 seconds at the South China Athletic Association's Inter-School meet, and the outside lane was drawn by Deborah Hurlbatt.

In between them were the Colony Champion, Jennifer Hart, and the former Joint Colony record-holder, Rita Hall.

It was a great race with Deborah going out to the turn and coasting in as the rest of the field closed to within two yards of her at the tape. The result was Hurlbatt, Lam Kak-lan, Hart and Hall in that order and it's going to be a great race any time these four meet over the next few months.

Lam Kak-lan had run five races the day before and she was much slower than she can be. But the Hurlbatt potentialities in this event have yet to be drawn out and her ground-eating stride looks as impressive as was Alapin's.

Lam Kak-lan came back in the 100 Metres to win by a good two yards over Deborah and Jennifer Hart took the 100 Metres in a close finish from Hilary Hale in a very fast 22.0 seconds.

JUMP SPECIAL

The Women's Long Jump is becoming one of the greatest attractions at our local athletic meetings and the approach run, the length of the pit and some yards beyond it were lined two deep by spectators as the Jumper. It's took on Pui To's diminutive Fong Sik.

The contest opened with a leap of 14 feet 1 1/4 inches by Jennifer Hart. This was followed by what may have been the winning jump as Rita Hall rocketed out to a 15-footer in a really stylish effort, lost her balance on landing and stepped back nearly a foot. It was measured at 14 feet 1 1/4 inches.

The Rhodesian Rocket won the Inter-

"Wah!" from the largely Chinese audience as she landed beyond 15 feet. It was measured at 15 feet 0 1/4 inches—beating Nocle Simmons' pit record by a quarter of an inch.

It was Deborah's third competitive jump over 15 feet and she has only two pit records left to capture—the Caroline Hill west pit and the University.

Hilary Hale followed with 13 feet 9 inches and there was an expectant hush as Fong Sik started on her run. The Pui To star leaped out to well over 14 feet but overstepped the board and it was a no jump.

The Jumping H's, except for Hilary, who improved to 13 feet 11 inches on her second fall short of their first round efforts or their next two leaps, but Fong Sik's second jump measured 14 feet 8 1/4 inches and the final order was Hurlbatt, Fong Sik, Hall, Hart and Hale.

DETERMINED

Everything over, the Rhodesian Rocket announced that she had moved her goal for the season up to 17 feet. Her best in practice is 15 feet 10 inches and she has been out of training now since last May.

The other Minor Planet—Jennifer Hart—held the spotlight for the rest of the afternoon as she tried for a new Colony record in the High Jump after equalling her own standing record (shared with Jennifer Hart).

While all this was going on, the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club Coaching Committee of Mr. J. E. P. Blenkinsop and Mrs. J. Van Vliet passed the word around that hard training would begin very soon.

Examinations are now on at King George V School and most of the boys and girls at Caroline Hill yesterday were missing Brutus and Cassius each other in between events.

Examinations over, no more training session absences will be tolerated.

ALSO DETERMINED

Mrs. Van Vliet demonstrated her determination on this point by annexing the Shot Put and Javelin Throw events and it is now known that she can spear anyone within 75 feet. Lazy HKAAC members would do well to bear that in mind.

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club won the Inter-

Club Trophy with 30 points—six from Mrs. Van Vliet, eight from Deborah Hurlbatt, nine from Jennifer Hart, three each from Lynn Ramsey and Hilary Hale and one from Rita Hall.

Pui To Girls' School scored 15 points, South China Athletic Association 11, Bellios Public School four and the French Convent School two.

THE SUMMARIES

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200 Metres: 1. Deborah Hurlbatt (HKAAC); 2. Lam Kak-lan (SCAA); 3. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC). Time: 29.3 seconds.

80 Metres Hurdles: 1. Tsoi May-ying (Pui To); 2. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC); 3. Tze Soong (Pui To). Time: 15.0 seconds.

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Allegedly Drunk While Carrying State Papers

At first sight you might have taken Tom for one of those young interplanetary explorers who, in boys' magazines nowadays, dedicate themselves to making rings around the asteroids in vehicles resembling rocket-assisted goldfish boats.

It was a fine-looking young man, tall, sparsely built, fresh-complexioned, clear and steady of eye; the embodiment, it seemed, of all those virtues which, in the minds of schoolmasters and clergymen, add up to "clean living."

For his appearance in the dock at Great Marlborough Street he wore a strange garment, a one-piece something between a track suit and rompers, vivid blue in colour, and with an outside badge in yellow and red on the breast pocket.

"You are charged," said the learned clerk to Tom, "with receiving a shirt, a tie, a microphone, a pair of gloves, a fountain-pen, an American Forces liberty pass, a cheque-book and two photographs, knowing them to be stolen. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

"GUILTY," Tom said in the level tone you would expect a schoolboy's hero to use. "What is that clothing he is wearing?" Mr Paul Bennett, V.C. asked from the bench.

"It belongs to the American Air Force," said the detective-sergeant who had gone into the witness-box.

"Is he masquerading as a United States airman?"

"That is so, sir," the officer replied, and went on: "The police are asking for a remand in this case, sir. There are further inquiries to be made."

The magistrate agreed that Tom should be remanded. He was led away.

A WEEK later, he was shown into the dock again. He still wore the vivid flying suit. "Why wasn't that uniform taken off him — by force if necessary?" the magistrate asked sharply.

"The prisoner said he had no other wearing apparel," said the officer in charge of the case. The magistrate suggested inquiries be made as to why Tom had been allowed to continue his masquerade in the remand prison.

"This is all," the officer said, "has been living by posing as an American serviceman, buying cigarettes cheaply in their clubs and selling them in the street."

"On the day of his arrest I went to one of these clubs, where he had been detained. He had all the property on him. He sold his bag for £2 from an American he met at the Marble Arch. It is all part of a £50 robbery from the United States headquarters at Ruislip."

"ANYTHING known about him?" Mr Bennett asked.

"Yes, sir, he's 25 years old, has six previous convictions, and six findings of guilt against him as a juvenile. He was released on licence three weeks ago from a sentence of three years' corrective training."

The magistrate asked Tom what he wanted to say.

Tom, still steady of gaze, regarded the magistrate for a moment, then said: "Couldn't get work or anything, that's all." "Well, you seem to have made up your mind to lead a life of crime," the magistrate said.

"Sentences will get longer and longer, you know. Go to prison for six months."

The tall young man who had seemed the embodiment of all manly virtues turned and left the dock, showing by no smallest sign what his feelings were. Soon he would be back in prison again, and this time the prison would provide him with a change of clothing, a change for the worse."

Queen Mary Not To Attend Coronation

London, Dec. 7. Queen Mary, who has attended three Coronations, has decided not to attend the Coronation of her granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II. Court sources said today, because the long service would be too tiring.

She is expected to watch the historic ceremony on television. —United Press.

Turkeys Fed On Wonder Drug

Dublin, Dec. 7. Irish turkey growers are feeding their birds aurocyanin, the American wonder drug, to fatten them up more quickly for the Christmas market.

Professor E. J. Sheehy of Dublin's Albert Agricultural College, said a series of tests indicated the drug adds 10 per cent more weight to turkeys over a 12-week period.

British researchers, who have been using aurocyanin and other anti-biotics such as penicillin on pigs, have reported the drug brings pigs to baconweight 10 per cent sooner than those not getting the drugs. —Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"All I said to her was that her mother reminded me of my old top sergeant in the army!"

Sequel To Bank Murder

Committee proceedings against a Vietnamese Bank Clerk Nguyen Xuan Dai, alias Yuen Shun Dai, 47, charged with murder of a watchman of the Banque de l'Indo Chine, started before Mr Poon Yam-hoi, Central this morning.

Defendant is alleged to have murdered Kam Sze-yu during the night of October 11-12 this year with others not in custody.

Outlining the case, Det. Insp. W. E. Thomas, for the Prosecution, said that the deceased Kam Sze-yu was employed as a night watchman of the Banque de l'Indo Chine and had been with the bank for four years.

On the night of October 11, when Lee Tak-chung, one of the folks of the bank left the bank premises at about 10 p.m. he saw the deceased was the only person in the bank. He then helped the deceased to close and lock the main gate of the bank.

At about 7 a.m. the following morning, an amah, Ng Ngai received no reply when she rang the bell at the main gate. Lee, who happened to return, climbed into the rear yard of the bank by means of the drainage pipe from the servants' quarters.

"I rolled over and closed to about 1,500 feet. One MIG broke hard right and went into a deep dive. We were going over the speed of sound.

"At 500 feet altitude, the MIG pulled up after I had hit him once. He levelled out on the dock close to Sinuiju. I hit him in the engine, slowing him up.

"I fired again hitting him in the engine, and a big burst of flame came out of his tail pipe. He started to come apart and then exploded.

"He crashed just outside of Sinuiju. I could see a big puff of black smoke, where he hit. The pilot did not eject."

The other six MIGs accounted for were all shot down by American Sabrejet pilots.

The Police later discovered that the electric equipment and other articles left behind in the bank had been purchased from a certain shop. Later a Chinese named Wong Kan-hung, was identified during an identification parade as the man who made the purchases.

Wong was alleged to have visited the bank on two or three occasions on that day and was present when a box containing the equipment was delivered to the bank.

Defendant was later questioned by the Police and detained. He was charged with murder on October 13.

The first witness for the Prosecution, J. Rodman, Government Chemist, said that at about 2.20 p.m. on October 20, he received from a mortuary attendant a sealed parcel containing a test tube of blood marked Kam Sze-yu. He said chloroform was present in the blood.

At 4.30 p.m. the same day, witness received from DSI Van Quyen a sealed parcel containing a bottle of approximately eight fluid ounces of chloroform. The bottle was half full.

Hearing is continuing.

THE TASIKMALAJA CASE: INDONESIAN GOVT. OPENS APPEALS

Appeals brought by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia against recent decisions given by Mr Justice Reece concerning the steamship Tasikmalaja, diplomatic immunity from cross-examination and foreign sovereign's impleading, opened before the Full Court this morning. Five Counsel, including three QC's, are engaged and there was a huge array of law books on Counsel's table.

The Indonesian Government are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths.

Respondents are Juan Yamael and Co., Incorporated of Plaza Gotic, Manila, who are represented by the Hon Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, QC, both instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva; and Anthony Loi, trading as A. W. King, of Telephone House, Hongkong, for whom Mr Charles E. Lovett, QC, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, is appearing.

Opening his case, Mr McNeill said that there were originally two actions, Admiralty Jurisdiction No 8 and No 9, and on each there were before their Lordships two motions of appeal. Action No 8 was a writ for possession brought by Juan Yamael and Company and No 9 was a claim for \$25,000 for work done on the Tasikmalaja brought by Anthony Loi.

Mr McNeill said that the presence of Mr Loseby in Court was not quite apparent to him because the amount on the claim had been paid, therefore, Mr Loseby's presence must only concern costs. Counsel would not deal with that now but an hour or two later.

Interposing, Mr Loseby said that Mr McNeill had not given the position. He was there because the amount on the claim had been paid, therefore, with Mr McNeill ought to seek to exclude Mr Loseby from being present.

Counsel added that the stay of proceedings motion was lost but if they succeeded on appeal then Mr Loseby could not seek to detain the ship Tasikmalaja except for such costs as have been incurred by the Court. He would not be entitled to any other costs.

Supposing the Indonesian Government lost the appeal, what would be the position, Counsel asked. There was no order against Yamael and Co.; the order was for costs against his clients and Mr Loseby argued on behalf of Yamael and Co. in the Court below.

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Mr McNeill said that the learned Judge was right or wrong in ordering cross-examination or right or wrong in striking out their affidavits, there was nevertheless left upon the file ample material upon which the Full Court could come to the conclusion that his clients were impleaded in both actions.

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In the matter of the hearing of those motions, Mr d'Almada had entered a caveat in No 8. He submitted a series of affidavits in action No 8 the whole of which tended to show, after they were pleaded, that the Indonesian Government had no right or interest, however slight, in the question.

Mr McNeill said that the two motions were, one for possession and one for repairs. There was a motion in both of these actions to stay proceedings and set aside the writs the ground being that a recognised foreign State was impleaded. Impealing, said Counsel meant that whether they would pay the costs, no more, added Counsel. Both parties had that agreement for their own purposes mainly because they were claiming to be the owners of the vessel and it would look rather bad if the owners of the vessel did not pay that amount. The agreement was kept.

At the time of the hearing was made, Mr d'Almada made it plain to Mr Loseby that he disputed part of his rights, namely, that whether in his action in rem Mr Loseby was also entitled to the costs.

"I cannot enforce a claim against the Indonesian Government," said Mr Loseby. "That would be totally worthless. I am here for the purpose of arguing, if I can, that Mr Justice Reece was totally right in his judgment."

The Chief Justice: What is the appeal from?

SUBSTANTIVE APPEAL

Mr McNeill, replying, said that there was a notice of motion appealed from the judgment of Mr Justice Reece given on September 18 against an order dismissing a notice of motion filed on behalf of his clients to stay all further proceedings in action No 8. Action No 8 was the impleading motion. Mr Justice Reece, heard both actions together, heard both actions together.

Mr McNeill said that this was the substantive appeal before their Lordships. Prior to that Mr Justice Reece had made an order for the cross-examination of the Indonesian

From The Files 100 Years Ago

Captain Shadwell, a note of whose computation of Saturday's Eclipse we made use of in our last issue, remarked that an accurate observation of the first or last contact of the limbs of the Sun and Moon, at beginning or ending, would afford data for determination (or confirmation) of the longitude of the place of observation. Mr Weiss, whose transit instrument is placed over his establishment on the Queen's Road, almost immediately in rear of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office has kindly favoured the public with a note of his observations, confirming Captain Shadwell's remark that the approximate predictions would probably be found not to be more than a minute (nine seconds only over it) in error.

The issuance of a writ in rem by its very form implies any one who has an interest;

His clients brought the ship into Hongkong within the jurisdiction of the Court and had indicated a claim to interest;

It was admitted that the ship was under charter to the Indonesian Government at the date of the writs of both actions.

If that were not the position, his clients would say that they were not at that time the owners;

That at the material time his clients had control of the vessel.

COUNSEL'S CONTENTION

Turning to the judgment of Mr Justice Reece, Mr McNeill said that his Lordship did not in fact deal at all with the second and important, and he would say cogent arguments on impleading, because his Lordship had come to the conclusion that there was nothing else left on the file.

Mr McNeill said he would contend that the learned Judge ought not to have made any order for cross-examination and that his Lordship, having made the order and the persons concerned not having appeared to be cross-examined he ought not to have struck out from the file the affidavits but should have kept them there and given to them and the paragraphs contained therein what weight he thought fit. There were statements in them which had not and could not be disputed, he added.

Mr Wright then dealt with points in the affidavits which indicated that they should not have been struck out.

The hearing is proceeding.

World-Famous Ballerina Here

Sonila Arova, world-famous ballerina, arrived here by BOAC this morning. She came here from a tour in Japan where she gave 33 performances.

Mrs Arova said that the Japanese ballerinas have a great future, and added that she thinks very highly of them.

Her manager, Mr John Keet said that their Japanese tour was officially recognised by the British Embassy there to be on the basis of establishing goodwill and cultural relations between the British and the Japanese peoples.

They will be leaving this afternoon for Paris where Miss Arova will stay for a short period before returning to London.

Possession Of Gun, Charge

A 57-year-old man sprout hawker Ng Sui, and a Chinese named Chung Ho, 26, both of 111, Holy Cross Path, appeared before Mr. W. S. Winter at Central this morning charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Inspector H. M. Dey said that the defendants were found in possession of the revolver and ammunition on December 4 at a place near Holy Cross Path.

Both were remanded three days in Police custody for further enquiry.

RADIO HONGKONG

IX. Programme Summary: 6.00 Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Sally Ann); 6.30 Foreign Broadcasts (BBC); 6.45 Radio Singapore (Singapore); 6.55 World News (London Relay); 7.10 A Talk on the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference; 7.30 The Voice of Australia (London Relay); 7.45 Journey into Melody; Vocal: Teddy Johnson; 7.55 The Voice of India (Delhi); 8.00 Polka-Dot (London); 8.15 The Voice of Pakistan (Islamabad); 8.30 The Voice of Thailand (Bangkok); 8.45 The Voice of Indonesia (Jakarta); 8.55 The Voice of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur); 9.00 The Voice of China (Beijing); 9.15 The Voice of Korea (Seoul); 9.30 The Voice of Japan (Tokyo); 9.45 The Voice of Thailand (Bangkok); 10.00 The Voice of Indonesia (Surabaya); 10.15 The Voice of Korea (Seoul); 10.30 The Voice of Japan (Tokyo); 10.45 The Voice of Thailand (Bangkok); 10.55 The Voice of Indonesia (Surabaya); 11.00 The Voice of Korea (Seoul); 11.15 Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30 Close Down.

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